IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 5, and 9 as set forth immediately below in clean form. Additionally, in accordance with § 37 CFR 1.121(b)(iii), Claims 1, 5, and 9 amended herein are set forth in a marked up version on the sheets attached to this amendment.

1.   A method for providing voice communication between stations at two remote locations that are each linked to public switched telephone networks (PSTNs) comprising the steps of:

in response to placement of a voice telephone call to a PSTN by a first one of said stations, determining quality of service of a public data packet network;

comparing the quality of service obtained in said determining step with a predetermined threshold level for said voice telephone call;

in response to a result in said comparing step that said predetermined threshold level is exceeded, routing said telephone call to a second one of said stations through said public data packet network in packet data format; and

routing said voice telephone call to said second station through an interexchange carrier switched voice network in PSTN network protocol if said predetermined threshold level is not exceeded, wherein the PSTN of the calling station is an advanced intelligent network (AIN) that includes an integrated services control point (ISCP) having stored therein subscriber call processing records (CPRs).

5.   A method as recited in claim 1, wherein said interexchange carrier identity is specified in the subscriber CPR of the calling station.

9.   A method as recited in claim 1, wherein said comparing step comprises retrieving a stored threshold value from the subscriber CPR of the calling station.